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| Filing Date   | December 28, 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Named Inventor  | James E. Parker   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Art Unit  | 1743 OCT 2        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Examiner Name   | Samuel P. Siefke  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attorney Docket Number  | VTECH-48514       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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